

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An end of a side-looking endoscope, comprising:
  - an end body which is provided at an end of an endoscope insertion portion, the end body having a stand accommodation groove and an optical system accommodation room, the optical system accommodation room being formed on a side of the stand accommodation groove and accommodating an image-taking optical system and an illumination optical system;
  - a treatment device stand which laterally guides an end of a treatment device from the end body, the treatment device stand being swingably supported within the stand accommodation groove;
  - a cap which is detachably affixed on the end body to cover the end body;
  - a protective covering which covers the optical system accommodation room, the protective covering having an engagement part for engaging with the end body, the protective covering being joined to the end body through the engagement part; and
  - a sealing agent through which the protective covering is screw-connected to the end body on a joint surface of the end body.
2. The end of the side-looking endoscope as defined in claim 1, wherein the protective covering is joined to the end body by engaging motion and sliding motion.
3. An end of a side-looking endoscope, comprising:
  - an end body which is provided at an end of an endoscope insertion portion, the end body having a stand accommodation groove and a stand lever accommodation room, the stand lever accommodation room being formed on a side of the stand accommodation groove;
  - a treatment device stand which laterally guides an end of a treatment device from the end body, the treatment device stand being swingably supported within the stand accommodation groove;
  - a stand lever which is linked to the treatment device stand, the stand lever being arranged in the stand lever accommodation room; and
  - a cap which is detachably affixed on the end body to cover the end body, wherein an engagement part between the end body and the cap is formed by an upper

portion of the stand lever accommodation room and an inside of the cap.

4. The end of the side-looking endoscope as defined in claim 3, wherein the engagement part comprises a projection formed in the upper portion of the stand lever accommodation room and a recess formed inside the cap.

5. The end of the side-looking endoscope as defined in claim 4, wherein the projection in the upper portion of the stand lever accommodation room is continuously formed as a ridge in an inserting direction of the cap.